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7 December 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau ---November 1987

## I. General

King Husayn hosted an extraordinary Arab summit conference in Amman 8-11 November. Security surrounding the area of Amman's major hotels and much of the larger area of Shmeisani was extremely tight. For more than a week before the summit, private cars were either totally excluded from the area or very tightly controlled by Jordanian troop detachments. Some residents in this area were forced to locate alternative living space until the conclusion of the summit. Hotel space at the Regency Palace, Marriott, and the Plaza was sequestered on behalf of the various heads of Arab delegations with a resultant overflow at the city's other hotels. Fortunately, for the sake of the embassy's Marine Guards, the summit concluded just in time for the annual Marine Ball to be held at the Marriott on 13 November.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The highlight of this month's coverage was the convening of the extraordinary Arab summit conference in Amman 8-11 November. Delegations from 20 Arab countries participated in the proceedings held at the Royal Cultural Center. While live television coverage was limited to the leaders' arrivals and departures, the summit's opening and closing sessions, and a post summit news conference by Jordan's King Husayn, numerous interviews, news conferences, sideline meetings, and other speeches were monitored from other Jordanian media and the leaders' home media. The summit's main results, which were highlighted in a final statement, included condemnation of Iran for its occupation of Iraqi territory and its "procrastination" in accepting UN Resolution 598, an expression of "solidarity" with Iraq for its response to 598 and other peace initiatives, denunciation of the "bloody criminal incidents perpetrated by Iran in the holy mosque of Mecca," an expression support for Kuwait in confronting Iran, the need to bolster Arab solidarity, "concern" for the Lebanese situation, and a resolve that diplomatic relations between any Arab League member state and Egypt is "a sovereign act decided by each state in accordance with its constitution and laws."

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2. An unexpected occurrence on 23 November sent editors scurrying to the bureau's dusty microfiche archives. At 1305 GMT Baghdad Voice of the Masses Arabic service broadcast a 55-minute announcer-read speech by Iraqi President Saddam Husayn to a meeting of the Ba'th Party National Command on 21 July 1985. After confirming several times that the date was indeed heard correctly, the bureau's microfiche files and the editorial and monitorial logs were searched for evidence that such an address had been previously monitored, but to no avail. An alert to Analysis Group also proved negative. Therefore, the bureau provided priority texting of the speech in 11 takes. It would appear that the timing of the Saddam address, which focused on the liberation of Palestine, was simply opportune for Iraq in view of the "reconciliation and accord" stemming from the Arab summit in Amman. AG subsequently thanked the bureau for its "thoughtful response" in attempting to explain the unusual timing of the broadcast address.

3. On 25 November coverage of the Lebanese radio Voice of Hope was transferred to Nicosia.

#### B. Lateral Services

At the request of the embassy's Economic Section, and for the reading pleasure of the ambassador, the bureau provided the translations of two articles in the September 1987 issue of AL-MASARIF AL-'ARABIYAH (ARAB BANKS): an 11,000 word article by Taysir 'Abd al-Jabir entitled "The Jordanian Dinar: The Stability of Its Value Is a Strong Support for Jordan's Economic and Social Development," and a 6,000-word article entitled "The Financial and Banking Situation in the Occupied Territory."

#### G. Technical

At the request of ESG the bureau tested BACH 2.0 in stand-alone mode, running through each enhancement systematically. Engineering and Communications personnel pronounced it an excellent upgrade.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Senior Monitor  FBN-10/3, left the bureau officially 7 November to take a position in the embassy Political Section.

2. During the month, the following local bureau employees were awarded PSI's as follows: Electronic

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Technician [ ] to FBN-10/9; Monitor Specialist [ ]  
[ ] to FBN-9/4; Monitor Specialist [ ] to FBN-9/4;  
Monitor Specialist [ ] to FBN-8/4 and Monitor Specialist  
[ ] to FBN-8/4.

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3. Much of the month was spent screening and testing monitor candidates, over 110 of them, for the positions we currently have available.

4. Monitor trainee [ ] on 19 November tendered his resignation effective 19 December.

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#### IV. VISITS

Nicosia editor [ ] visited the bureau while on private travel in Jordan with her family on 2 November.

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Jordan Bureau Chief

Attachment:  
Production Report

## Amman Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	320790
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	80120
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	865

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7390.00	21060.00	154.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
 (publishable words per month)

## BAHRAIN

Manama WAKH in		
Arabic		17090
Manama WAKH in		
English		1610

## EGYPT

Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in		
Arabic		0
Cairo AL-AHALI in		
Arabic		0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in		
Arabic		0
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in		
Arabic		1290
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in		
Arabic		8730
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in		
Arabic		13660
Cairo AL-WAFD		
Arabic		5030
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in		
Arabic		0
Cairo UKTUBAR in		
Arabic		3310

## FRANCE

Paris Radio Monte Carlo in		
Arabic	14250	
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in		
Arabic		3950
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in		
Arabic		6320

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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## IRAQ

Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	6750	
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	25070	
Baghdad Voice of the PLO in Arabic	13560	
Baghdad INA in Arabic		28710
Baghdad INA in English		4080
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic		0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic		0
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic		0
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic		0

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	0
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## JORDAN

Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	17770
Amman Television Service in Arabic	24010
Amman Television Service in English	2820
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic	4970
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic	0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic	4200
Amman AL-LIWA' Arabic	2400
Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic	770
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic	13270
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English	12260
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic	2190

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Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English		0
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KUWAIT		
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic		3120
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic		2090
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic		6050
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic		6180
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic		60
Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English		0

LEBANON		
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	0	

OMAN		
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	1430	
Muscat QNA in Arabic		0,

QATAR		
Doha QNA in Arabic		3490

SAUDI ARABIA		
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic		0
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic		0

SUDAN		
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		9650
Khartoum SUNA in English		5620

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## SYRIA

Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	20950	
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	3810	
Damascus SANA in Arabic		1610

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	1280	
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		640
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic		950
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic		970
Al-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic		0
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic		480

## YEMEN (YAR)

Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	9270	
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	5070	